

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend claims 1, 12 and 18 to read:

1. ~~(Amended) An image correction device for use in an image forming system~~

BC1
which is connectable to a plurality of image readers and a plurality of image forming apparatuses,
the image correction device comprising:

B1
a discriminating device for discriminating an image reader and an image forming
apparatus which are connected to the image correction device;

memory means for storing correction data relating to combinations of the image reader
and image forming apparatus; and

data correction means for correcting image data output from an image reader using the
correction data relating to a specific combination of image reader and image forming apparatus
and for outputting the corrected data to an image forming apparatus.

12. ~~(Amended) An image forming system comprising:~~

B2
a plurality of image readers;

a plurality of image forming apparatuses; and

SD
an image correction device which is connected to the plurality of image readers and
the plurality of image forming apparatuses over a network for handling image correction for the

whole network of the plurality of image readers and the plurality of image forming apparatuses,

said image correction device including:

B2 a discriminating device for discriminating the plurality of image readers from the plurality of image forming apparatuses which are connected to the image correction device,

SD a memory for storing correction data relating to combinations of the image readers and image forming apparatuses, and

data correction means for correcting image data output from an image reader using the correction data relating to a specific combination of image reader and image forming apparatus and for outputting the corrected data to an image forming apparatus.

18. (Amended) The storage medium for storing program software of claim 16, wherein

B3 the data correction control program further includes a program for correcting the image data from the image reader based on updated correction data.